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Check the Parish Website for:

- Child Safety and Code of Conduct Policy
- Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

Prayers We pray for those who are in ill health, **Matt Bennett, Michael Hede, Emma Wojtylak, Chris Ryan and Elaine Dillon.**

We pray for the recently deceased and also for those who have an anniversary at this time, **Boyd Roberston.**

May they rest in peace



Kyneton Caring Community Donations There is a box at the door where you are invited to place groceries or op shop items. These will be used to provide important support for Macedon Ranges families who find themselves in need. They greatly appreciate our parish support which we have sustained for many years now.

Thank you: Anne Earley (St Brigid's) Mae Smith (St Patrick's) & Carolyn Peterson (St Ambrose's)

Open House meet the last Friday of the month at 10.30am at Aitken Street Bakery. **All Welcome**

August addition of **MELBOURNE CATHOLIC** is now available for purchase in church foyer. **Cost is \$4.00 Please leave money in tin provided**

Rosary - The rosary is generally recited after 8.00am Mass **All are welcome**

Fr. Robert McCulloch
member of the Missionary Society of St. Columban will be present at our weekend masses this weekend.



ST COLUMBANS MISSION SOCIETY

Fr Robert is doing work in Pakistan and part of the team raising money for St Elizabeth Hospital in Hyderabad, which St Brigid's Partnership Program is also supporting.

Please make him feel welcomed.

First Eucharist Celebrations This Weekend

We welcome children from our Parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist .



Please pray for them and their families during their time of preparation

Departing Parishioner -

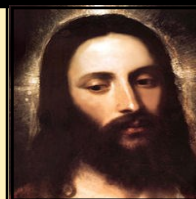
We'll miss you.

Please notify the presbytery.



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**19th August
Year B 2018**



**Fr. Gerard Spillane
66 Aitken Street
Gisborne Vic 3437**

Phone: 5428 2591

The Gospel John 6: 51-58

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the *body* was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, *blood* was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body ...this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated blood or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ...take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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Reflection by Artist

The food image is continued in this reading from John. Jesus calls his flesh 'true food' and his blood 'true drink'. Anyone who eats this food will be one with Jesus and gain eternal life. Life is an integral part of this food image: the living God sent Jesus and Jesus gives eternal life through his body.



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Pope Francis has chosen as the theme for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees,

'Welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating migrants and refugees'.

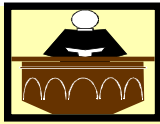
Migrant and Refugee Sunday will be commemorated in Australia on **Sunday 26th August.**

New Parishioner -

Welcome to St Brigid's Parish

Please register at the Parish Office





Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

26th August

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B 2018

6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

Reader: Eucharist Family
Offertory: Eucharist Family
Eucharist: L. Wilson & M. Morris



8.00am Mass: St Ambrose's

Welcomer: Jim White
Readers: Eucharist Family
Offertory: Eucharist Family
Eucharist: Anne Drummond



9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

Readers: Eucharist Family
Offertory: Eucharist Family
Eucharist: E. Plowman & J. O'Callaghan

11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: Eucharist Family
Offertory: Eucharist Family
Eucharist: C. Cribbes & Volunteer



Counters: Tony Wilson and Ben Lawrance

Flowers: M. Haire & A. Morton



St Brigid's Parish Website

We have a new website: www.cam.org.au/gisborne

Our website is now linked into
The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Website

Enter the website name as a search: www.cam.org.au/gisborne

Gisborne Parish Mass Times - Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese will appear, click onto this and details of Gisborne Parish will appear, then click onto website.

We are still in the trial period, so changes are still in the process.
Thank you for your patience. **Doris**

CatholicCare - last weekend total collected \$372.35

This CatholicCare Sunday, we are imitators of God, as beloved children, by considering how we accompany the young people in our families and our community. Let us join with CatholicCare to reach as many young people in need, as possible.

Thank you for your generosity

Please join us to thank and honor our
Colleague, leader, educator and Principal

Margaret Garvey's

Farewell Mass & Morning tea

Sunday 9th September, 2018
Mass: 11.00am
St Brigid's Catholic Church
(66 Aitken Street, Gisborne)

Followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP by 5th Sept
Tel: 5428 2220

Reflection for the week

Where there is righteousness in the heart,
there is beauty in the character.
When there is beauty in the character,
there is harmony in the home.
When there is harmony in the home,
there is order in the nation.
When there is order in the nation,
there is peace in the world.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



Special Collection
was 2/3rd June

Thank you to
St Brigid's Parish

for your generous contribution of
\$363.40

With your support, we can help to
heal and build
Myanmar through education.



St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events August

Sat/Sun 18/19th First Eucharist Celebrations
Sunday 26th Baptisms 12.00 Midday
Sat/Sun 25/26th First Eucharist Celebrations

Sept

Sat/Sun 1/2nd First Eucharist Celebrations
Sunday 2nd Father's Day
Sat/Sun 2nd Special Collection PRF
Sunday 9th Farewell Mass / Celebration - Margaret Garvey



Weekday Masses: Tuesday 21st August - Friday 24th August

Tues 5.00pm
Wed 9.15am Communion Service
Thurs 8.00am
Fri 9.15am Holy Cross St Bartholomew



Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction: Saturday 9.00am - 10.00am

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 12th August

Total Amount Pledged \$ 1919.62
Total Amount received \$ 697.00 (envelopes)
Total Amount received \$ 177.00 (credit cards)
Total Amount received \$ NIL (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection \$ 352.35



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.